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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Baker, Gregory
Title:	Gregory Baker Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0029
Date [inclusive]:	1902-1973
Date [bulk]:	1902-1933 (bulk)
Physical Description:	3 cubic feet (6 document boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains Gregory Baker's photographs and negatives of logging and lumbering operations and railroad construction in northern Maine in the early part of the 20th century. The collection contains glass plate negatives, photographs and cellulose negatives.

Preferred Citation

Gregory Baker Papers, SpC MS 0029, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

Gregory Baker was born in Moscow, Maine, in 1902. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1924 with a bachelor's degree in forestry and received a master's degree in forestry from Yale in 1939. He joined the faculty at the University of Maine in 1935 and was a professor of forestry there until his retirement in 1967. Professor Baker taught courses in wood identification, wood preservation and other areas of wood utilization. In 1943 he also became a member of the faculty of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, doing research there in the field of wood utilization. As a member of the executive committee of the Northeast Technical Forestry Committee, his projects included work on the impact strength of woods and the longevity of wood for posts.

Before coming to the University of Maine, Professor Baker worked as a forester for Finch, Pruyn & Co., Glen Falls, New York, from 1924 to 1929, doing timber cruising and mapping. He also worked as

a forester for the Diamond Match Company, 1929-1933, supervising woods and sawmill operations, cruising and purchase of timber. He was manager and secretary-treasurer of Provincial Wood Products Company, Ltd., 1933-1935, and worked for Berst-Forster-Dixfield from January to June, 1935, doing cruising and mapping. Gregory Baker died on July 2, 1989.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains glass plate negatives, photographs and cellulose negatives of various logging and lumbering projects as well as a small group of photographs of railroad construction. The photographer for the early images is not identified; Baker himself took the images from the Diamond Match Company projects. Most images have his annotations and descriptions of the projects depicted.

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Organization and Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically by project: the Mansfield Woods drive, believed to be in the town of Garland, Maine, 1902-1903; the construction of the Somerset Branch of the Maine Central Railroad in Moscow, Maine, ca. 1905; and photographs of various logging operations and construction projects of the Diamond Match Company in several northern Maine locations, 1931-1935.

A descriptive list of the subjects depicted in the glass plate negatives arrived with the collection and makes up the first part of this finding aid. If a modern print has been made of a glass negative, this is also indicated in the list.

The small photographs of Diamond Match Company activities are arranged by the number assigned them by the company, perhaps a job or project number. The corresponding cellulose negatives for these photographs, also arranged by photograph number, follow the folders of photographs. A small group of unnumbered negatives without corresponding photographs is also found in the collection and is listed last in the Box List.

The envelopes in which the cellulose negatives were originally housed have been retained in the collection because of information they provide about the date and time of each photograph, the type of camera, light, exposure, etc.

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Use Restrictions

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Controlled Access Headings

- Forests and forestry
- Garland (Me.)
- Forests and forestry -- Maine
- Logging -- Photographs -- Maine
- Lumbering -- Photographs -- Maine
- Sawmills -- Maine -- Photographs
- Railroads -- Photographs -- Maine
- Photographs
- Negatives (Photographic)
- Diamond International Corporation

- Maine Central Railroad Company

Collection Inventory

Photographs of Mansfield Woods drive

Plate and Print

Title/Description	Instances		
Cutting spruce logs	box 1	Item 620	Item Plate and Print
Supplies for the river drive - Canoes loaded on edge of lake, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 621	Item Plate and Print
Solitary lunch - Possibly a "timber looker", Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 622	Item Plate and Print
Driver's tents, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 623	Item Plate
Meat in camp - A deer, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 624	Item Plate
No print, no plate	box 1	Item 625	Item No Print, No Plate
Meat in camp - A deer, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 626	Item Plate and Print
Meat in camp - A deer, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 627	Item Plate
Sled loaded at the yard, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 628	Item Plate and Print
Horse hovel and teams, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 629	Item Plate and Print
Cook room, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 630	Item Plate
White water on the river drive, Spring, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 631	Item Plate and Print
River drive, Spring, 1902	box 1	Item 632	Item Plate and Print

Date [inclusive]: Spring, 1902

No print, no plate	box 1	Item 633	Item No Print, No Plate
No print, no plate	box 1	Item 634	Item No Print, No Plate
River driver's camp	box 1	Item 635	Item Plate
Mountain - May be Borestone and Onawa Lake	box 1	Item 636	Item Plate and Print
River drive - White water and logs	box 1	Item 637	Item Plate and Print
Cookees working up stove wood for the cook room (Note snow on the roof of the unheated? dingle.)	box 1	Item 638	Item Plate and Print
Horse hovel and crew	box 1	Item 639	Item Plate and Print
Chopping spruce logs	box 1	Item 640	Item Plate and Print
Log "landing" on stream	box 1	Item 641	Item Plate and Print
Loading sled	box 1	Item 642	Item Plate and Print
Cookees ready to take the noon lunch to the crew in the woods. Each one is wearing a wooden neck yoke to support the pails and wooden firkins. Pails probably contain baked beans to be heated up on an open fire at the lunch ground. Firkins probably contain biscuits, cookies and doughnuts. Center cookee holds a tin teapot. The two cookees on the left have tin dippers tied around their waist with a piece of rope and each has a can of molasses in their right hands.	box 1	Item 643	Item Plate and Print
Shovelling out a yard preparatory to hauling to the landing.	box 1	Item 644	Item Plate and Print
Chopping spruce. Note high stump	box 1	Item 645	Item Plate and Print
Log landing on stream	box 1	Item 646	Item Plate and Print
The crew at lunch on the yard. From the comparative light dress of the men and the absence of snow, this is probably fall weather	box 1	Item 647	Item Plate and Print
Chopping spruce, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 648	Item Plate and Print
Log landing, Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 649	Item Plate and Print

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902			
Meal time in camp. The boss, with the hat, occupies the seat of honor, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 650	Item Plate and Print
Logger with cant-dog, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 651	Item Plate and Print
The tote team arriving in camp, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 652	Item Plate and Print
A "chopper." Note sweater, double knit leggings, and low moccasins, single-bitted axe, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 653	Item Plate and Print
A "go-devil." A light skidding sled, frequently made of cedar for lightness in handling (negative broken), Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 654	Item Plate and Print
Bunkhouse. Rack over stove for drying mittens and socks. Stove wood at lower right. Two men on the deacon seat in front of the double-deck, muzzle-loading bunks, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 655	Item Plate and Print
Chopper with pole axe. Wearing high-top moccasins, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 656	Item Plate and Print
Logger In front of snowed-in yard, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 657	Item Plate and Print
A chopper with double-bitted axe, knit leggings topped moccasins, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 658	Item Plate and Print
Logger with shovel at yard, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 659	Item Plate and Print
Horse hovel and crew, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 660	Item Plate and Print
A chopper wearing sweater, double-knit leggings moccasins. Holding pole axe, Nov.-Dec., 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Nov.-Dec., 1902	box 1	Item 661	Item Plate and Print
No plate, no print	box 1	Item 662	Item No Plate, No Print
Cook-room with cookees waiting on table, Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 663	Item Plate and Print

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902			
A chopper with pole axe, wearing low moccasins; horse blanket pin for holding spare mittens or gloves, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 664	Item Plate and Print
Bunkhouse, cook room, and dingle (with snow on roof)-outside view, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 665	Item Plate and Print
Bunkhouse-outside view, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 666	Item Plate and Print
The tote team arriving in camp, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 667	Item Plate and Print
The cookee with the lunch on a "moose-sled", Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 668	Item Plate and Print
Bateau with 6 men moving the anchor and cable of the headworks forward. Note how the oars are curved indicating the effort being exerted, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 669	Item Plate and Print
Doing the laundry under adverse conditions, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 670	Item Plate and Print
The river drive (Possible Borestone Mt. in background) (negative broken), Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 671	Item Plate and Print
The river drive - white water, logs, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 672	Item Plate and Print
Bunkhouse and cook room - outside view, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 673	Item Plate and Print
Building a yard, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 674	Item Plate and Print
The crew at lunch on the landing, Fall, 1902 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Fall, 1902	box 1	Item 675	Item Plate and Print
Breaking down a yard for loading	box 1	Item 676	Item Plate and Print
Bateau at the headworks and the boom which is being moved. Driver's tents on the further bank	box 1	Item 677	Item Plate and Print
Plate	box 1	Item 678	Item Plate
Sluicing logs through the dam			

	box 1	Item 679	Item Plate and Print
Logger with cantdog in front of snowed-in yard, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 680	Item Plate and Print
Probably a horse hovel, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 681	Item Plate and Print
Shelter for the bean-hole, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 682	Item Plate and Print
A winter haul-road swamped out and skidded, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 683	Item Plate and Print
Shelter for the bean-hole, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 684	Item Plate and Print
Loading sleds, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 685	Item Plate and Print
Log landing, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 686	Item Plate and Print
No print, no plate	box 1	Item 687	Item No Plate, No Print
Log landing, Jan., 1903 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Jan., 1903	box 1	Item 688	Item Plate and Print
Working up firewood for the bunkhouse	box 1	Item 689	Item Plate and Print

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Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
List of photographs of Mansfield woods operation	box 2	folder 1
Prints from glass plate negatives	box 2	folder 2

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Photographs of Somerset Branch

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs of construction of Somerset Branch of Maine Central Railroad, Moscow, Maine + notes and photo list, circa 1905	box 2	folder 3

Date [inclusive]: circa 1905

Negatives and contact prints for selected photographs in folder 3, 1973 and undated	box 2	folder 4
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Date [inclusive]: 1973 and undated

Correspondence, re history of Somerset Railroad	box 2	folder 5
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Diamond Match Company photographs File PC 1-a to PC 14-1

Title/Description	Instances	
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Grand Falls, Maine; T. 3, North Div., Whittier-Preble oper.; Passadumkeag River; Burlington, Me., 1930-1931 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1930-1931	box 2	folder 6
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Burlington, Me., Saponac Pond lumber, 1931 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1931	box 2	folder 7
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Oxbow lumber yard; Chester, Maine; Lambert Lake, Keef-Dow operation; Grindstone, Maine, 1931 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1931	box 2	folder 8
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Grindstone, Maine; Burlington, Whittier-Preble operation, 1931-1932 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1931-1932	box 2	folder 9
Diamond Match Co. photographs, Feb.: T 3 and Burlington, Whittier-Preble operation, 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1932	box 2	folder 10
Diamond Match Co. photographs: T 3 and Burlington, Whittier-Preble operation; Grand Falls, Me., Whittier-Preble operation, 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1932	box 2	folder 11
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Grand Falls, Me.; Grand Falls, Whittier-Harris operation, 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1932	box 2	folder 12
Diamond Match Co. photographs, 1931-1932: Grand Falls, Whittier-Harris operation; T 1, R 9, Ladd operation, 1931-1932; 2 R 9, N.W.P., Weymouth, Me., Rogers operation, Dec., 1931	box 2	folder 13
Diamond Match Co. photographs: 2 R 9, N.W.P., Weymouth, Me., Rogers operation; Grand Falls, Boothby Mill, 1931-1932	box 2	folder 14

Date [inclusive]: 1931-1932

Diamond Match Co. photographs: T. 3, N.D., Whittier-Bowers operation; T. 3 and 4, N.D. Whitter-Bowers operation; Greenfield, Me., Boothby operation; Mattawamkeag portable mill, 1929-1933	box 2	folder 15
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Date [inclusive]: 1929-1933

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Diamond Match Company photographs File PC 15-1 to PS 11-4

Title/Description	Instances	
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Lagrange, Me., Whittier operation; Grindstone Falls, Moosehead Lake; Grand Falls, Me., 1930-1933 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1930-1933	box 3	folder 1
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Island Falls, Me.; Saponac Pond; Twp. 33, Berst-Forster Dixfield job, 1931-1935 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931-1935	box 3	folder 2
Diamond Match Co. photographs: 3 R. 11, Ripogenus Gorge and Dam, 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1932	box 3	folder 3
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Burlington, Me., log dusting; T. 4, R. 11, WELS, Chesuncook pine, 1931 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931	box 3	folder 4
Diamond Match Co. photographs: T. 4, R. 11, WELS, Chesuncook pine; T. 4, R. 12, WELS, Rogers' clapboard operation; Grand Falls, Me., lumber sticking, 1931-1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931-1932	box 3	folder 5
Diamond Match Co. photographs, 1931-1932: Grand Falls, lumber sticking, 1932; Passadumkeag, Me., Mattawamkeag project, 1931	box 3	folder 6
Diamond Match Co. photographs, 1931-1932: Mattawamkeag, Me., Mattawamkeag project, 1931-1932	box 3	folder 7
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Mattawamkeag, Me., Mattawamkeag project, 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1932	box 3	folder 8-14
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Mattawamkeag, Me., housing project, 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1932	box 3	folder 15-16
Diamond Match Co. photographs: Mattawamkeag, Me., housing report; Lowell, Me., poplar report, 1932	box 3	folder 17

Date [inclusive]: 1932

Diamond Match Co. photographs: Lowell, Me., poplar report; Bancroft, Me., poplar research, 1932-1933	box 3	folder 18
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Date [inclusive]: 1932-1933

Diamond Match Co. photographs: Bingham, Me., Baldwin operation, 1940	box 3	folder 19
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Date [inclusive]: 1940

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Negatives for Diamond Match Co. photographs, PC 1-a through PS 11-4

Title/Description	Instances	
Hearst plane "Old Glory," at Old Orchard Beach (2 negatives), 1927 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927	box 4	folder 1
Lumber camp scrimshaw fans made of cedar	box 4	folder 2
River drivers and bateau, West Branch, Penobscot, 1929 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1929	box 4	folder 3
A headworks for moving booms of logs in lakes and dead waters	box 4	folder 4
Small tractor and "scoot" for moving sawed lumber, D.M. Co., Hartland, 1927-1928 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927-1928	box 4	folder 5
Two tractors in tandem, D.M. Co., Hartland, 1927-1928 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927-1928	box 4	folder 6
Tractor and sled load of pulpwood, D.M. Co., Hartland, 1927-1928 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927-1928	box 4	folder 7
Gasoline log haulers, D.M. Co., Hartland, Me. (4 negatives), 1927-1928 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927-1928	box 4	folder 8
Log hauler sled, D.M. Co. opr., Hartland, 1927-1928 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927-1928	box 4	folder 9
A log scaler using a Saco River log rule	box 4	folder 10
A "lumber jack" in use	box 4	folder 11
One of G.N.P. Co. camps on T 2 R 11 W.E.L.S., 1923-1924	box 4	folder 12

Date [inclusive]: 1923-1924

Snubbing post used on G.N.P. Co. operation, T 2, R 11, W.E.L.S. box 4 folder 13
(3 negatives), Jan. 1924

Date [inclusive]: Jan. 1924

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Negative envelopes for PC 1-a through PS 6-a-o

Title/Description	Instances	
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Negative envelopes for PS 6 (1-38) through PS 11 (1-4) and no numbers

Title/Description	Instances	
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